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Hon. Colleen Kollar-Kotelly
US District Court
District of Columbia
C/o Renata B. Hesse, Antitrust Div.
US Dept. of Justice
601 D St. NW
Washington, DC 20530-0001

RE: US v Microsoft

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

The settlement agreed to by the Department of Justice and Microsoft appears to fly in the face of antitrust laws. Although the examination of this problem took a number of years, the results seem inadequate and the penalties less than one would expect for such serious violations of the law.

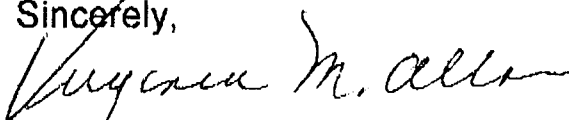
Among the areas which are of concern:

- Microsoft will determine if any company's technology violates Microsoft security or software. This would preclude a vendor from distributing or developing software as proscribed by the settlement.

- Microsoft may bolt financial, cable services or even the internet to Windows, creating a dependency on Windows technology for all software developers.
- The technical committee which will oversee implementation will be stacked in favor of Microsoft, as there will be one member appointed by Microsoft, another appointed by the Department of Justice and a third on whom both entities must agree.
- The process to file a complaint would be unlikely to attract many businesses challenging Microsoft, as the most probable result would be the company then still having to deal with Microsoft.
- Consumers will bear the brunt of this decision, as they will find the expense of software reflected in the monopoly Microsoft will hold in its development.
- At a time when governments and corporations are looking to develop software to insure privacy and security it will be impossible if compatibility with Microsoft Windows does not exist.

I am pleased that Attorney General Tom Reilly has agreed to reject the settlement and is pursuing all avenues to assist individuals and businesses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. I appreciate your attention. Please contact me if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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CC: Attorney General Tom Reilly